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Dr. Dr. Henney:

I have become aware of a health crisis:  
over time, diseases become untreatable when  
antibiotics are over used.

Scientists are convinced that drugs given  
to animals play a role in antibiotic resistance  
in human diseases. About one third of the antibiotics  
manufactured in the U.S. each year are added  
to animal feed to fatten animals cheaply.  
The World Health Organization recommends  
a ban on the use of medically important antibiotics  
to promote animal growth. I support the  
Center for Science in Public Interest petition  
to the Food and Drug Administration to withdraw  
approvals for the use of medically important  
antibiotics to promote growth in animals.  
Such a withdrawal would still allow their  
use in sick animals.  
For sick children over cheap chicken.

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